

Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

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| Nov. 5 | No School |
| Nov. 10 | Turkey Trot |
| Nov. 11-12 | Outdoor Education Field Trip |
| Nov. 13 | International Taste of Holmes |
| Nov. 17 | Community Chat with Dr. Roberts |
| Nov. 22 | Book Report Due |
| Nov. 24 | Institute Day |
| Nov. 25-26 | Thanksgiving Break |

Dear Families,

Our bowling trip was a rousing success! Thank you to all of the chaperones who attended. Our students were very respectful of each other, the bowling alley and should be proud of how they represented Holmes School!

Our Outdoor Education field trip to Camp Algonquin is next week! We will send home additional information (what to bring, etc.) later this week.

Dr. Roberts will be at Holmes School on November 17th for a Community Chat. Please come if you haven't had the opportunity to meet Dr. Roberts.

SPECIALS

Music

We are continuing studying the recorder next week so **it is essential that your child has their recorder in class.** If they need to buy one it is 5 dollars cash or check to District 97. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Karia at akaria@op97.org. Also check out the music website at <http://sites.google.com/a/op97.org/holmes-music/home/5th-grade>.

Chorus

Each member needs to fill out the online survey, telling me if you are available or not for our two concerts (October 30th and November 13th). Please go to <http://spreadsheets.google.com/a/op97.org/viewform?formkey=dEd2ZzM1cUthdTh2cTByQnZWbmlTbEE6MQ> to fill out the survey. If you do not have access to the internet please send a note to Mrs. Karia confirming your availability. Also, if you go to <http://sites.google.com/a/op97.org/holmes-music/home/chorus> you will find a power point presentation containing all of the songs we have learned so far!

Spanish

This week students began a new story, *El Muchacho Pastor*. Students read this story to someone for 10 extra points. Find the link on the Spanish blog: <http://mpoleski.blogspot.com/p/quintofifth.html>

Visit the **Holmes Digital Backpack**
<http://www.op97.org/holmes/digitalbackpack/>



Reading/Literature

Our focus this week is on summarizing. We will continue working on the Open Court Story, "The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung" in class this week. I will also be modeling for students how to complete their reading response logs as well as how to write an extended response. Mrs. Goodman will be teaching a lesson on reciprocal teaching on Thursday. Also, remember book reports are due on November 22nd.

Math

Graded quizzes were returned to your child today. This week, we will be focusing on finding equivalent fractions. We will use fraction sticks to model equivalent fractions and then formulate multiplication and division rules for finding equivalent fractions. On Thursday, we will have a quiz on equivalent fractions. During our Wednesday problem solving class, we will be using the strategy of logical reasoning.

Science

This week we will be starting our Variables unit! The students will be experimenting with pendulums (also called swingers) and testing their different ideas on which variables will change how many times the pendulum will swing in 15 seconds. On a different note, I am enjoying grading all of the pollution projects. It is clear that the students worked very hard on them.

Social Studies

Students' explorer rough drafts will be handed back this week. I have been very impressed by the quality of the work. Students may hand in final copies this Thursday, but I am going to extend the deadline to next Wednesday, November 10 to provide sufficient editing time.

We have now begun the chapter on European settlements, which explore Roanoke, Jamestown, and the Plymouth Colony. Students are working on forming arguments for debate on various topics. This week teams will provide evidence supporting their stand on the fate of the Roanoke settlers.

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